

Hicksville High School Newsletter

Hicksville, New York

March 2021





Hi,

I have a Baby Grand Piano for a new owner.

Would you be willing to adopt her or refer someone who might want to take her on?

Charles Webb

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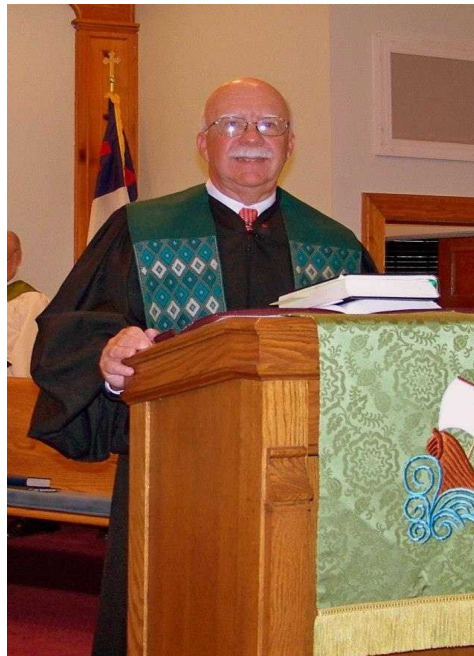
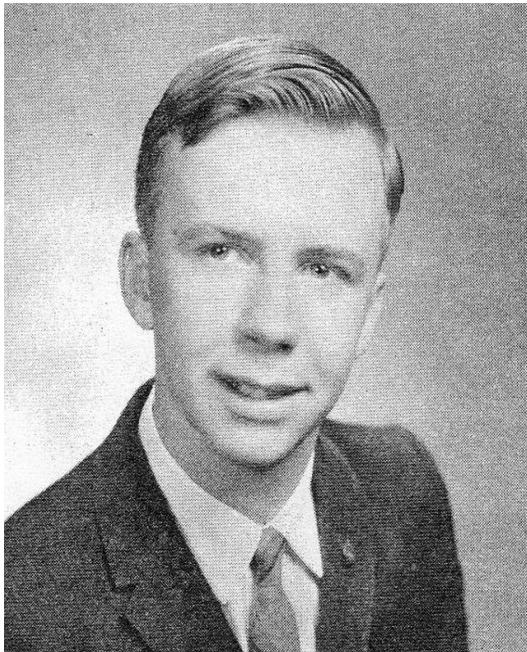
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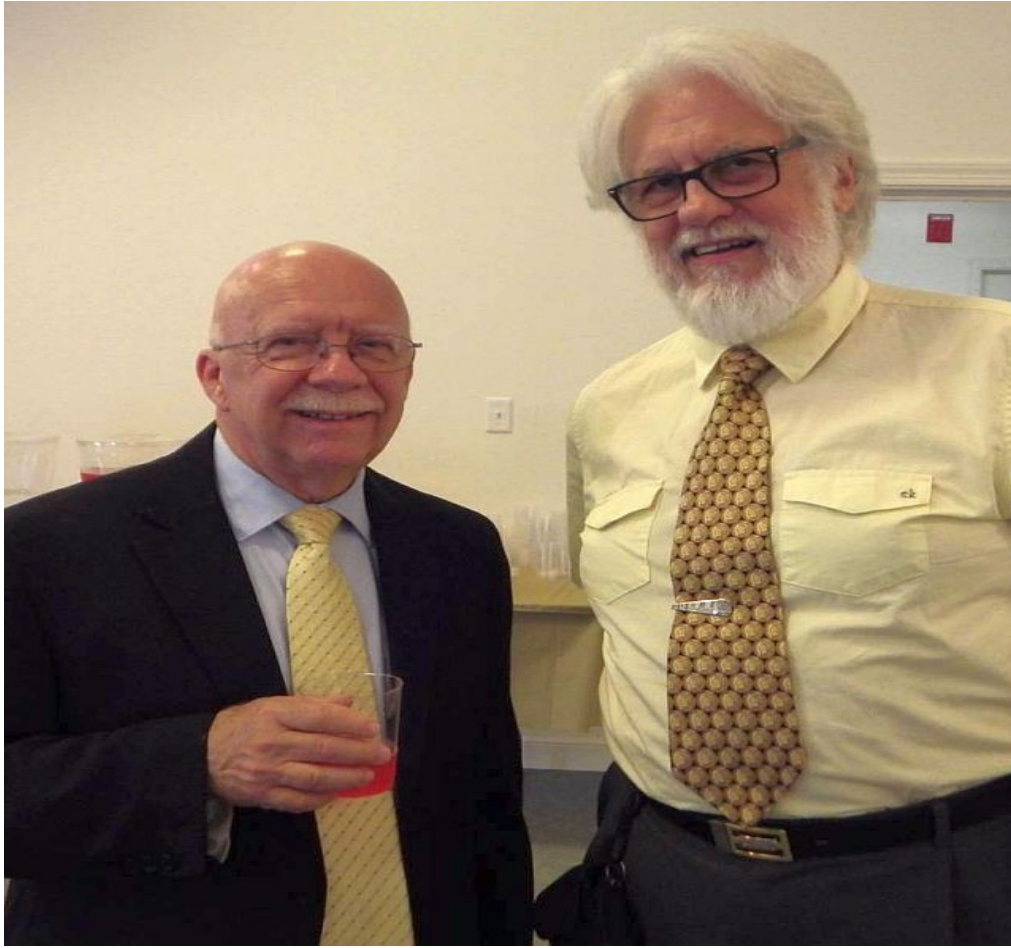
Ron,

I thoroughly enjoyed your latest retrospective view of Hicksville before our time. This article was particularly timely and reminded me of Santayana's dictum that "those who

cannot remember the past are condemned to fulfill it." Not "repeat it," as often is misquoted, but condemned to relearn the lessons of our ancestors' painful experiences. Here in West Point--as in many American towns and cities-- 1919 was a horrid year of race riots, lynchings, and other examples of people under stress (warfare, pandemic) turning upon one another. West Point's 1919 riot began at the post office, where an African American World War I veteran, newly returned from Europe, refused to get out of the way of a white man, who evidently expected people of color to defer to him. What ensued was small scale, compared with what happened in many other places. Groups of young men engaged in name calling and rock throwing. A pistol shot or two broke the town's usual quiet, and the mayor deputized 25 (white) men to enforce a curfew. I've written about the incident in my new book, *Untold Tales of Old West Point*.

I even enjoyed reading the appendices! (as one detail nerd said to the other). Thanks, as ever, for your excellent research and graceful prose.





Bill Palmer 1964 (shown above with Ron Wencer

Around Hicksville

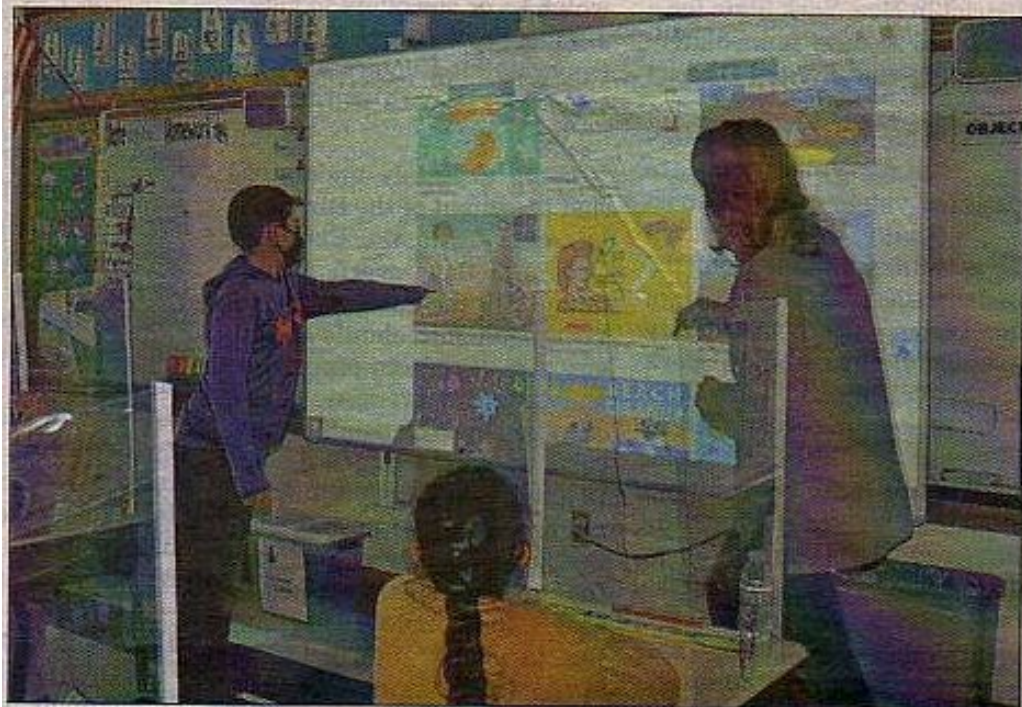
Students in the Hicksville School District are learning how to code in the classroom. As part of Computer Science Education Week, which runs from Dec. 7-13, some students at the district's elementary schools, including East Street and Dutch Lane, took part in the Hour of Code.

The Hour of Code is a global movement that's meant to be used as a basic introduction to computer science. It

teaches students that computer science is fun, creative and easily accessible to all ages. The Hour of Code website features a number of engaging coding activities for students.

At East Street, all students in kindergarten through fifth grade took part and at Dutch Lane, third through fifth-graders participated.

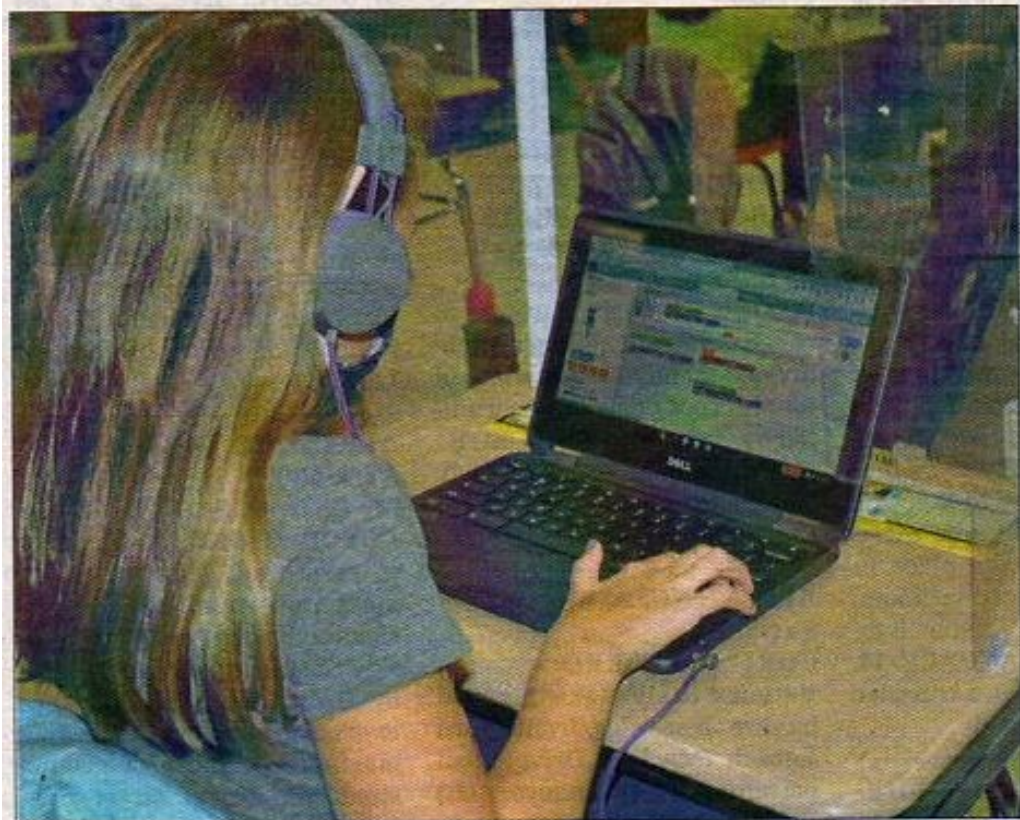
Photos courtesy of Hicksville School District



Students enjoyed the Hour of Code program.



Hicksville students participate in Hour of Code



East Street School's fourth and fifth-graders participated in the Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week in December.



Thank you for the birthday card...



Beth Reilly Bianco 1959



Beth, granddaughter Sarah, husband Ray

Thank you for the anniversary card...

Some Thoughts About Birthdays & Anniversaries...

Thank you for the card, and for thinking of us It was much appreciated. Our most memorable Day was getting married on Nantucket in the midst of a snowy Valentine's Day. We walked to the church from Jared Coffin House, were married by our new friend, Nancy, a Methodist Minister, and went out to eat at & the back to her lovely Oceanside place on South Beach. It was a wonderful day, now a treasured memory.

Lynn McMorrow and Marc O'Riordan

This is a VERY belated thank you message for the nice birthday email I received LAST year on November 24th when I turned 91. With the coronavirus, it was just a normal day for me which included

a game of softball with the Kids & Kubs men's team. The day was nothing like the year before when I turned 90 and my 5 adult kids gave me a wonderful birthday dinner party including entertainment, inviting

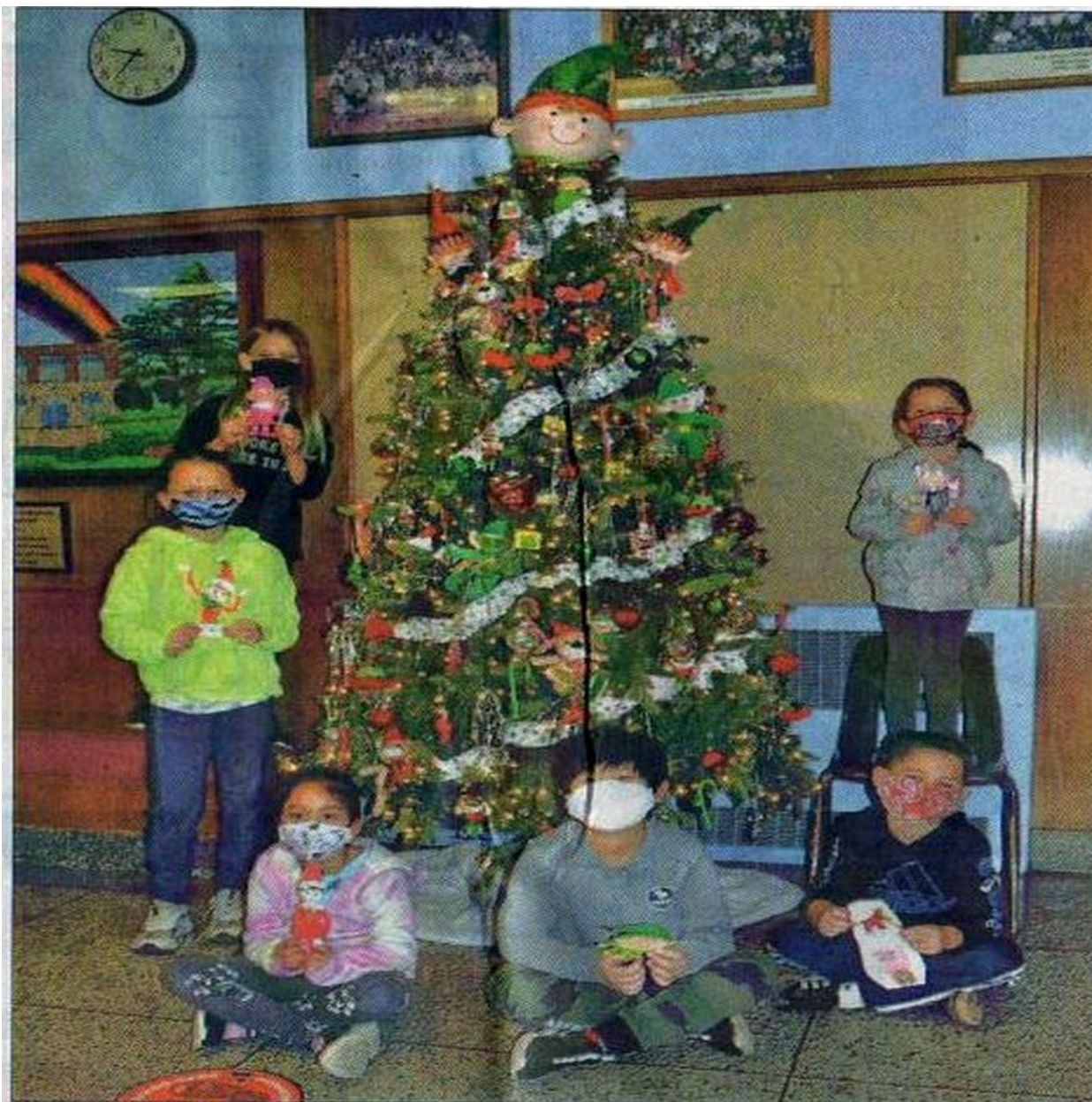
90 family and friends. Definitely one of the best days of my life. Also belated birthday wishes to Bob Casale

Ethyl Kunz

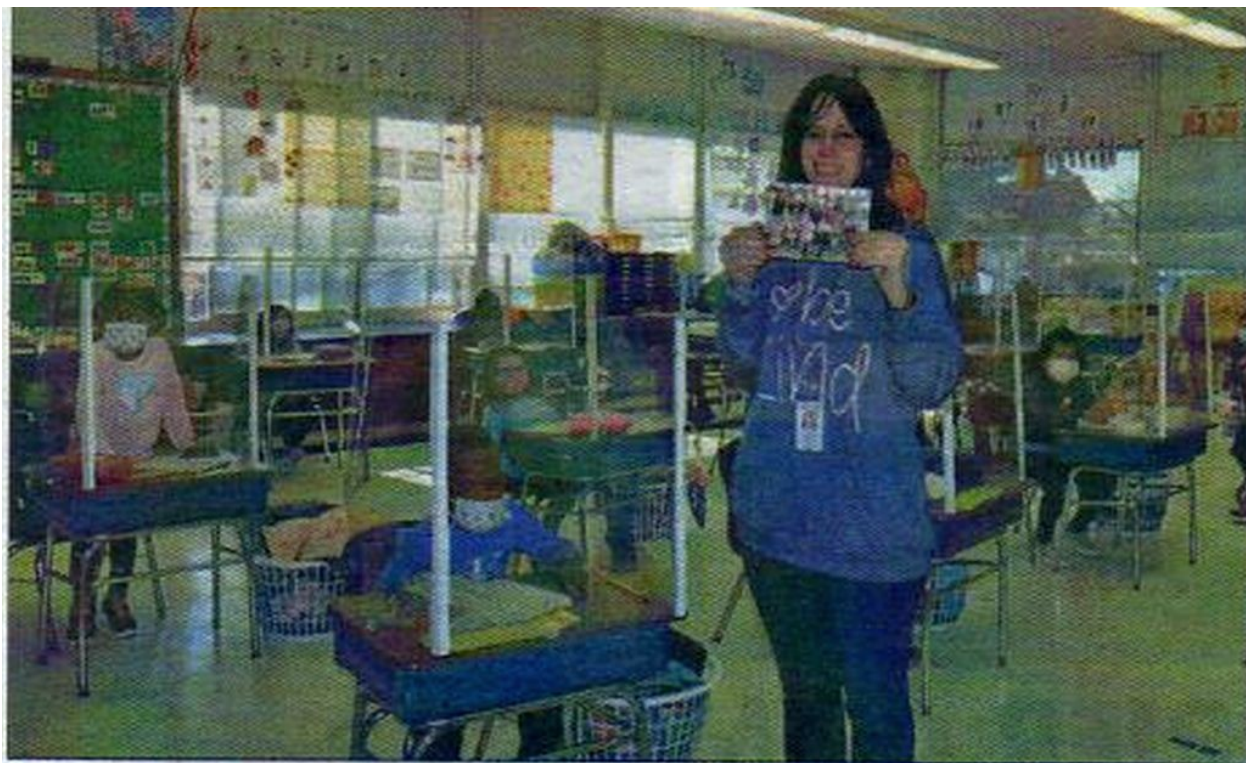
Flashback



As principal, Stephanie Stam has brought many new programs and initiatives to Lee Avenue Elementary. "I like change and I feel you grow with it."



In alignment with the district's Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, these Lee students won adorable stuffed animals from the lobby's "Acts of Kindness Elf" holiday tree for designing beautiful paper ornaments adorned with special kindness wishes.



Standing in the same classroom in which she was a kindergartner at Lee Avenue, kindergarten teacher Jennifer Leone shares her class photo that she's kept since she was a student. "Everything seemed so much larger back then," reflected Ms. Leone.



Lee Avenue alum and physical education teacher Daniel Luu is pictured with a few of his current students.

"During these difficult times, we truly see goodness and kindness from everyone," said Lee Avenue Principal Stephanie Stam. "I know if we continue to work together we can get through this and any other obstacles that may come our way in the future."

It should serve our community with some comfort that Hicksville's fascinating history speaks to its durability - through wars, famines, recessions, and the Great Depression - Hicksville, and its school system, have survived and grown stronger. So, too, as the District moves forward with our children's educational future, we will see this challenge make us stronger as a community and a people.

Lee Avenue Elementary - the

school building itself - dates back to 1951, and sits like a stately anchor at the end of Seventh Street. The school was expanded in 1956 with two additions to accommodate the burgeoning population of families who moved to Hicksville at that time. Backing up to its namesake - Lee Avenue - the six-acre property continues to provide a playground and plenty of green space on which children can run and play.

In her twelfth year as Principal at Lee, Mrs. Stam brings a wealth of experience to her leadership role. She graduated high school and started college at 16 years of age, attending C.W. Post and Hofstra for accounting. After volunteering with a youth group, she discovered that she "loved working with children." She earned her teaching cer-

Since becoming Principal, Mrs. Stam has brought many new initiatives and contests to the school, challenging teachers and students alike to bring their very best efforts each day. Posters, bulletin boards, and banners won by the students fill the hallways at Lee. "The best part of my job is that I was able to bring in a lot of new programs," she explained. Mrs. Stam introduced the Bucket-Filler Student of the Month and Lee-O's Laws program to highlight students "caught" in acts of kindness and support. She began a Safety Patrol, Student Council, and a Site-Based Team to provide students

...a voice in daily school operations. She began the Mileage Club to keep kids physically fit, and worked with the PTA to purchase a "Buddy Bench" to encourage inclusiveness.

"Children love to compete so I've started a lot of competitions and entered Lee students into others, such as The Stock Market Game. We have won that competition three times at the Elementary Level for Long Island."

"The children love all the wonderful programs Mrs. Stam has brought to the school," commented Mrs. Joanne Pietzak. Mrs. Pietzak has served as a secretary at Lee for 22 years and, having come full circle, Mrs. Pietzak is, in fact, a "graduate"

of Lee Avenue. What was it like to come back to work at the school? "Everything seemed so much larger when I was a child here. Lee Avenue went up to sixth grade back then, and I remember that there was a gigantic air raid button next to the intercom in the Main Office. It was still there when I started working here in 1998!"

Also coming full circle is kindergarten teacher Jennifer Leone. "I feel that I never really left!" Mrs.

Leone actually teaches in the same classroom at Lee where she spent her kindergarten year. She concurs, "I always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher, and it just happened to work out that way. I was hired as a Teaching Assistant for one year before the District hired me as a teacher. Many of the same teachers from my childhood were still here when I was hired, so it felt like home to me. It's a warm feeling – it feels like a family."

Hicksville Resident Receives Official Town of Oyster Bay Proclamation



"Mahesh is an individual who exhibits true dedication and leadership when it comes to making the world a better place," said Saladino. "He volunteers a significant amount of time in social causes and is actively involved in promoting the importance of volunteer services. Put simply, Mahesh is a person who works to make his community a better place and the Town of Oyster Bay is proud to recognize his achievements."

One of the main goals of the NRNA is to promote Nepali culture among people of Nepali origin living in the United States and throughout cross-culture communities.

"As part of my position in the NRNA, I helped to distribute personal protective equipment to over 550 families throughout Long Island," said Khadka. "I also helped people who had been diagnosed with COVID-19 to come into contact with medical professionals through tele-consultation."

One of his more noteworthy contributions was galvanizing members of his organization to help raise funds for families that had lost loved ones due to the disease.

Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino presented Khadka with the official proclamation at a recent Town Hall meeting.

As the general secretary of the organization's New York chapter, Mahesh has helped to educate people about the importance of the 2020 census.

He has also been outspoken about violence against women, and has helped to create awareness about women's empowerment within the Nepalese community.

"One of my duties and something I'm very passionate about is helping people with immigration issues," said Khadka. "I started on my path of social services when I was living in Nepal as a teenage boy. I served on local boards helping others who were seeking a better life."

To find out more about the Non-Resident Nepali Association, you can visit their website, nrnusa.org.

Resident donates blood 22 times in pandemic

BY GARY SIMEONE

There are generous people, and then there are people like, Arjun Mainali, who have truly gone the extra mile for their fellow man. The Hicksville resident has donated his blood 22 times since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic to help those who are struggling.

"The first time I donated blood, was during the early surge of the Coronavirus pandemic last April, at an American Red Cross center in Connecticut," said Mainali. "As a blood donor, I believed I was doing my part for those people out there who were adversely affected by the ongoing pandemic."

While donating, he posted a photo of himself on social media to encourage people in the community to donate blood as well. He also wrote a lengthy email to potential organizations about his selfless act, so that they could organize blood donation programs.

After his initial donation in April, Mainali traveled to the New York Blood Center every three weeks to donate his platelets.

Mainali, who is of Nepalese descent, said that he found out from an official of the Nepali Unity Forum NY, that blood collection in his native country was very low.

"Last June, I received a phone



Arjun Mainali donating blood

seas Nepali Unity Forum, that a blood donation program was being organized," said Mainali. "I was able to coordinate between them and the New York Blood Center, and was able to donate \$200 for the necessary expenses. As a result of my actions, over the next five months, eight different Nepalese organizations held blood donation programs in

New York."

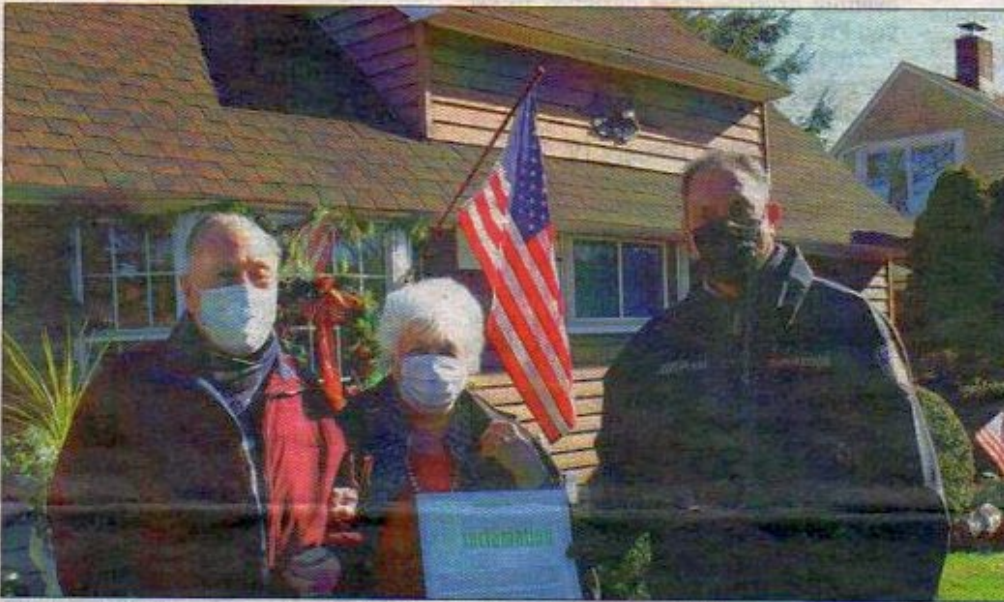
He said that Nepal was seeing a surge of coronavirus cases and the government there had instituted a shutdown by closing offices and encouraging people to stay indoors.

"To help their blood donation program stay afloat, I sent over 50,000 Nepali rupees (money) for the necessary expenses. Similarly, I sent an additional 25,000 rupees to ensure that programs would keep sending blood to the local hospitals."

Mainali didn't stop there. He sent some of his hard-earned money through a contact in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, to a program to help feed unemployed workers there. He also sent additional funds to help feed the poor in other cities.

Throughout the first nine months of the ongoing pandemic, Mainali has donated blood a total of 22 times. He has donated his blood three times and his platelets nineteen times.

PURPLE HEART VET HONORED



Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino recently honored Hicksville resident Ed Born on the occasion of his 95th birthday. Ed Born is Purple Heart Recipient and a longtime Hicksville resident who served in the United States Army from 1944-1946. Ed and his wife Nancy have been married for 73 years and have been living in their home since getting married in 1947. After serving in the Army, Ed also worked for Grumman for over 20 years.

What Year was that menu popular???
Woolworths

Today's Menu Suggestions

Soup w/Crackers Cup.....25c Bowl.....35c

1. ROAST BEEF DINNER.....\$1.10

Tender Roast Beef, Brown Gravy
Creamy Whipped Potatoes
Garden Vegetable

2. ROAST TURKEY DINNER.....95c

Roast Turkey (All White Meat)
Hot Turkey Gravy, Savory Dressing
Creamy Whipped Potatoes
Garden Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce

3. BAKED MEAT LOAF DINNER.....95c

Oven Baked Meat Loaf, Brown Gravy
Creamy Whipped Potatoes
Garden Vegetable

4. FRIED FISH PLATTER.....95c

Fried Filet of Fish, Tartar Sauce
French Fried Potatoes, Cole Slaw

* * ROLL AND BUTTER SERVED W/ABOVE DINNERS * *

99c TODAY'S LUNCHEON SPECIAL 99c

Baked Macaroni w/Old English Cheese
Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
Gelatin w/Whipped Topping **or**
Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce

99c Choice of Beverage 99c

6. HOT BEEF SANDWICH.....\$1.00

Tender Slices Roast Beef — Rich Brown Gravy
Creamy Whipped Potatoes

7. SHOPPER'S DELIGHT\$1.00

Cup of Soup
Barbecue Beef on Toasted Bun
Served w/Crisp Potato Chips
Choice of Beverage

Lee Avenue Elementary School, community give back to local families

Lee Avenue Elementary School continued its annual partnership with the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association to benefit local families this holiday season. The association and Hicksville community members Chris Mirro and Nick Mirro hosted a toy drive. Toys were collected and donated to eight families with children currently attending Lee Avenue, who could use a little extra

help. Other than toys for all siblings, each family also received a \$25 gift card to Target.

The Mirros and the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association also hosted a food drive for Lee Avenue families this November. Three families were able to receive food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Photos courtesy of the Hicksville School District



Eight families with children attending Lee Avenue received gifts from the toy drive ran by Chris Mirro and Nick Mirro and the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association.



Telling Our Story Hicksville Middle School

In 1980, Gerald Klein became Principal, followed in 1993 by Marie Marshall. Steve Aronowitz accepted the position in 1997, followed by Daniel Marquardt in 2007. Since 2009, Mara Jorisch has served as Principal.

Supported by Assistant Principals Dr. Barbara Mrozik, Mr. Todd Wallace, and Mr. Benjamin Tangney, Mara Jorisch continues to lead the middle school. She has worked in the field of education for 39 years. Ms. Jorisch received all of her higher education at Hofstra University, earning a B.A. in economics, a Master's of Science, a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration, and entered the doctoral program, completing all but her dissertation. "I became a teacher because someone saw something in me that I did not see," explained Principal Jorisch. "Every path I took got me to where I am today. How lucky am I to do what I love in a place that I love? But I don't do this alone — building relationships is so important. I

areas of curriculum, social emotional learning, and extracurricular activities while adding child-centered facility upgrades.

The middle school recently expanded its curriculum to offer American Sign Language (ASL), Living Environment, Algebra I, Global Conversations and two new Home & Careers courses: Food for Thought and Wearable Electronics. Extracurricular-wise, the middle school added new clubs - Robotics, Multicultural, Social Awareness, Astronomy, American Sign Language, Strategic Gaming, Ecology, and Next Generation Christian Club - to its already wide offerings for students.

The school grounds and classrooms have changed, too. Most recently, the mid-

dle school opened a new school store, which is operated by the students, a library maker space, a quiet room for lunch, a renovated main gymnasium and a resurfaced track and turf field. The bus loop on the north side of the building was redesigned for the 2010-2011 school year.

The middle school's refurbished track and field has served the students and community well. The field's turf was replaced with synthetic turf and the track with a rubber running surface during the 2018-19 school year. Throughout the pandemic, the fields have been used by the community before school, afterschool, and on the weekends.

Mrs. Carol Ruda, Hicksville HS Class of 1984, advanced through the middle school grades when it was still the Junior-Senior HS (grades 7, 8, and 9). She has lived in Hicksville for 54 years and has worked at the middle school as a Main Office secretary for almost 10 years. Her mother worked in Pupil Personnel Services (PPS)

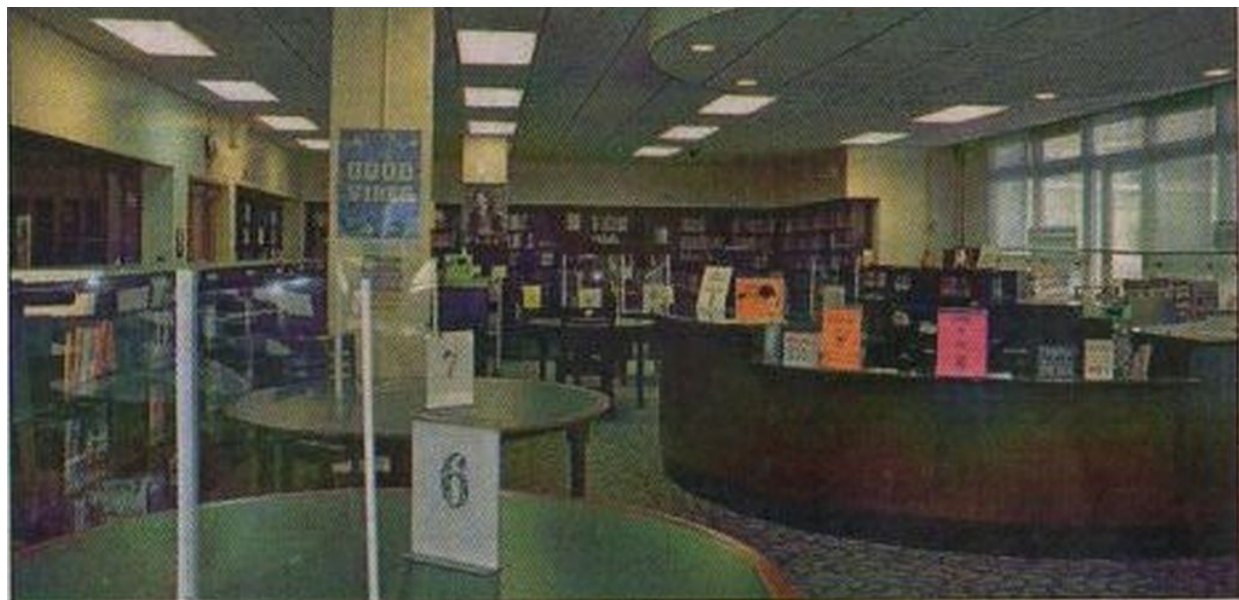
elementary schools, shared Mrs. Koda.
“At that time, there were so many students in the Junior-Senior High School that the district placed a ‘T-wing,’ a ‘U’ of temporary classrooms, at the end of the ‘blue’ hall to house the English Department.” She fondly remembers singing in the talent show as a highlight of being a middle-schooler. “I remember it like it was yesterday. The Talent Show was held at night so the auditorium was dark except for the stage, but I could see the murals and focused on them as I sang. It was so much fun.”

Due to the pandemic, all public schools in NYS were shuttered in March of 2020 by executive orders from the Governor, including Hicksville Middle School. The

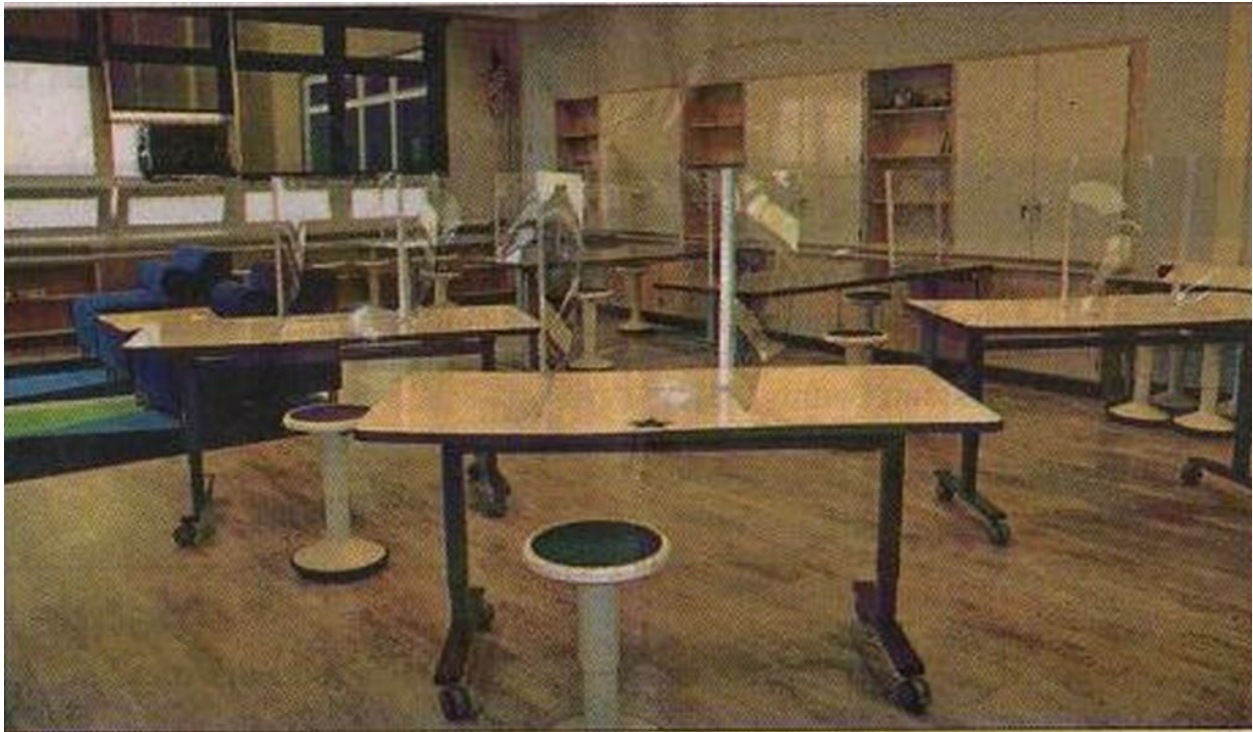
school was determined to uphold tradition for the 8th grade students, however. "This is a tradition that we didn't want to lose," explained Principal Jorisch of the school's annual graduation ceremony. "It was important to us that we found a safe and befitting way to recognize and honor the middle school experiences of the resilient and amazing 8th Grade Class of 2020. This unique commencement ceremony allowed us to bring closure to the transitions and traditions of the middle school and provided a way to wish our graduating students well with fond memories and with hopeful thoughts for the future."

"While this year has been a year of

unprecedented moments, like the building itself, the amazing students, staff, and families of the middle school have weathered many challenges and continued to thrive," shared Principal Jorisch. "The middle school is committed to its motto of Heart + Motivation = Success, and if there ever was a time when heart, motivation, and kindness matters, it is now. Our commitment to these values continues to be the cornerstone and foundation of our success as we look forward to a hopeful future and the return of all our students and staff to the gracious and historical halls of Hicksville Middle School."

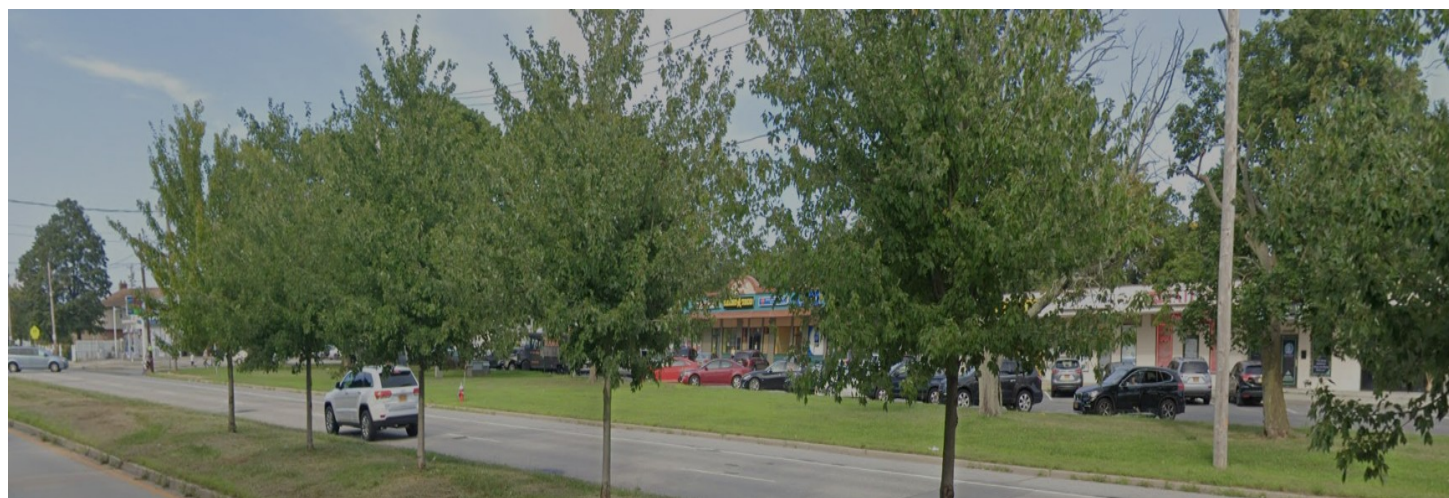
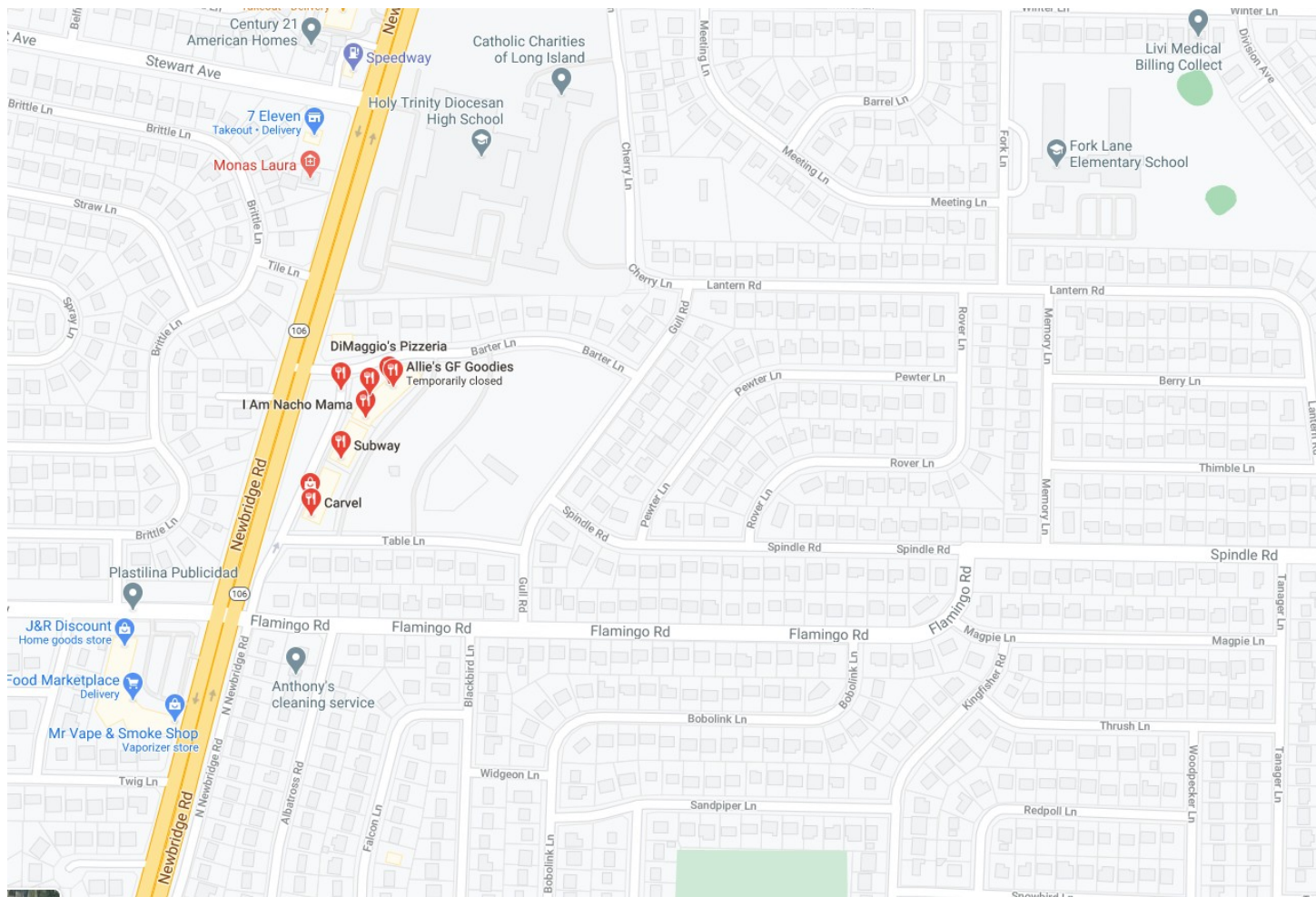


Also part of the renovations in 2009–2010 was the middle school library. The English Department recently launched a partnership with the Hicksville Public Library so all K–12 HPS students now have access to the public library's larger digital database.



The maker space classroom adjacent to the middle school library is a recent addition where students complete hands-on technology and engineering projects.

The West Village Green on Newbridge Road



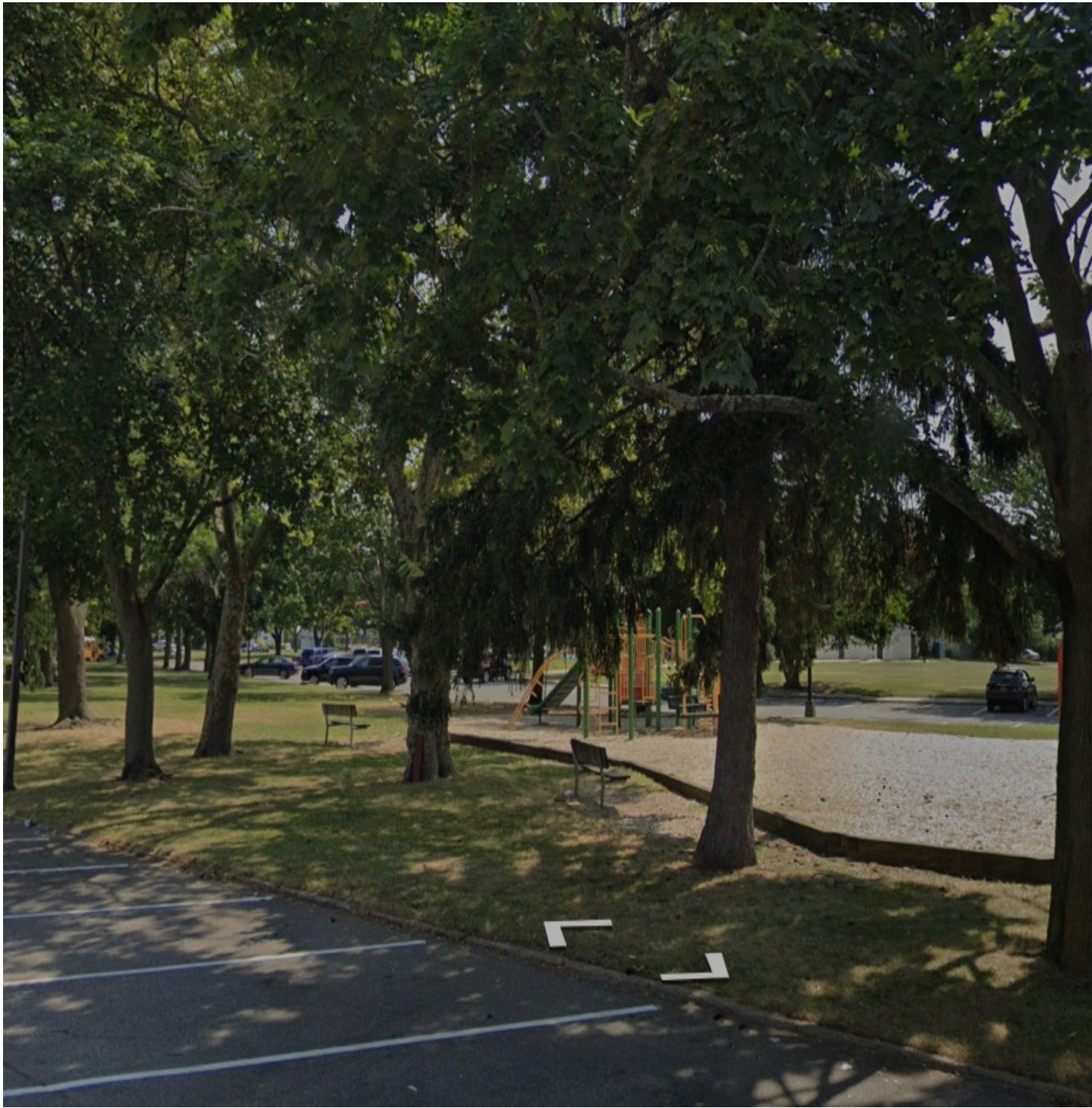
















In the News

Below is a story that appeared in Woman's Day Magazine that bears witness to God's miracles in our world today.

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They find out that the new baby is going to be a girl.

Day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

Michael keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister, "I want to sing to her," he says.

Week two in intensive care.

It looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over.

Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care.

But Karen makes up her mind.

She will take Michael whether they like it or not.

If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an oversized scrub suit and marches him into ICU.

He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows,

"Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed in ICU."

The mother instinct rises strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glares steel-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line.

"He is not Good Morning and is not leaving until he sings to his sister!"

Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside.

He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live.

And he begins to sing. In the pure hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sings:

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray ---"

Instantly the baby girl responds. The pulse rate becomes calm and steady.

Keep on singing, Michael.

"You never know, dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away---"

The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr.

Keep on singing, Michael.

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..."

Michael's little sister relaxes as rest, healing rest, seems to sweep over her.

Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows.

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't, take my sunshine away."

The girl is well enough to go home!

Woman's Day magazine called it "The miracle of a brother's song."

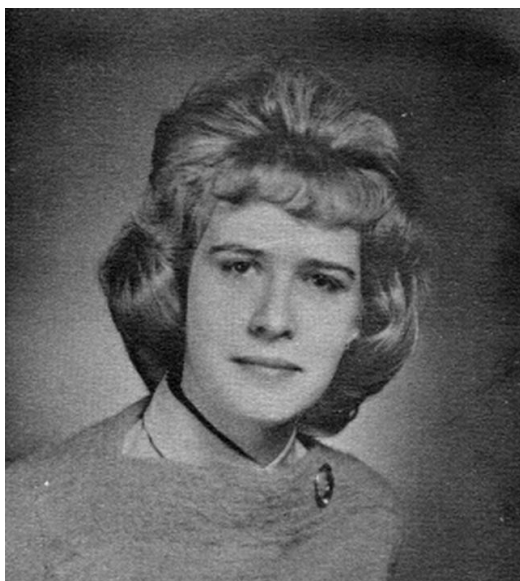
The medical staff just called it a miracle.

Karen called it a miracle of God's love.

To my 1961 classmates...

Sent: Mon, Feb 01, 2021 06:41 AM

Class of 1961. I will become a great grandma when my granddaughter has her baby boy on February 11 by induction; so overjoyed!

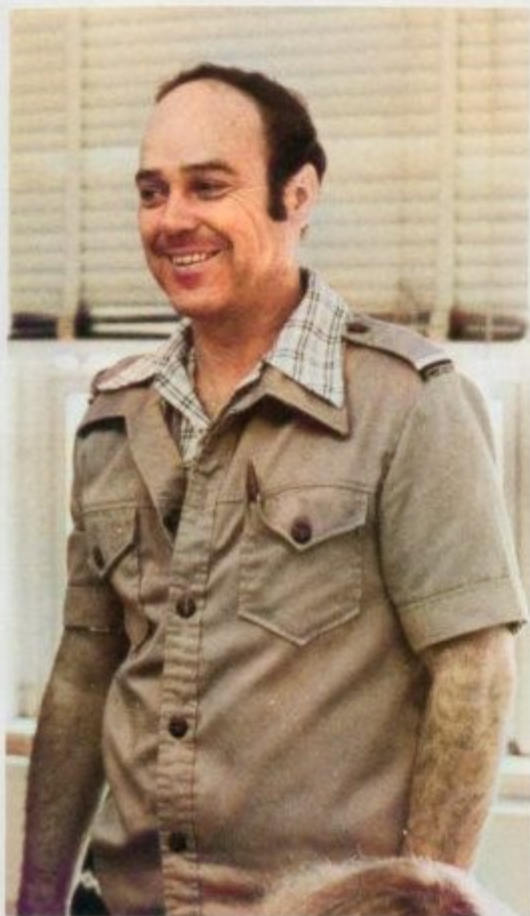


Shelly Heyman

Baron 1961

1981 Hicksville High School English Teachers

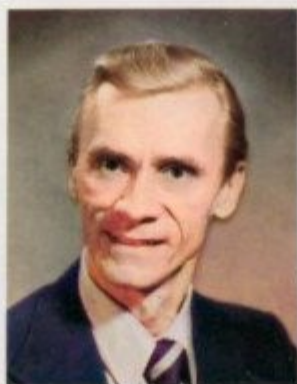
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Miss Constance Edsall



Mr. Kenneth Graiser



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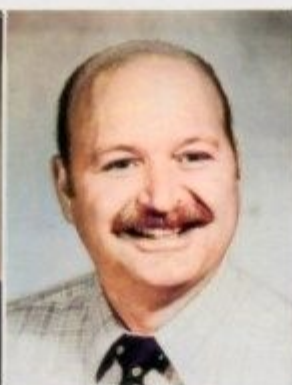
Mr. George Higginson



Mr. John Kearns
R.I.P.



Mr. Lawrence LaMarca



Mr. Basil Palmeri



Mr. Laurence Redican



Miss Susan Wolf

Kenny Alan Berk

Mr. Palmeri was an Awesome English teacher. I wish I had the notebooks we were made to keep...mine was so, I had to staple two together.

Ditto on Basil Palmeri, Best!

I had Mr.. Lamarca who passed away recently. I liked his class and still remember much of what he taught.

Marie Rosoloski Grebe

Had him in the 80's. He labeled me because of my sister. I never had a shot to prove myself to him. RIP though. Always sad when someone is lost.

Johnny Filardo

Tom Kearney

Basil P! My favorite memory of his class is one day a bunch of the kids were talking too loud and he yells out, I'm getting pissed purple. With that, everyone in the class burst out laughing. Then he says, I'm being serious!

But even while he was saying it you could see that he was trying to keep himself from laughing too.

Carl Calma

I loved Mr. Kearns! He could make any drama come alive. I remember one day, he began class by reading to us, in his very serious and dramatic tone of voice: "Who put the bop, in the bop-shoe-bop-shoe-bop. Who put the ram, in the ram-a-lama ding dong...", (I think that was the lyrics of the 50's song that he recited).

Carl Feinman

Mr. Redican's English drama class was great! Had some fun scenes with Lorraine Bracco in that class!

Wayne Dubner

I had Mr. Hallowich for AP English. Brutally tough class!

Wendy Elkis Girmis

Loved Mr. Graiser

Elsbeth Howlett Bigoness

I had Mr. Hallowich and Mr. Higginson

Christine Young-Jannen

I had Mr. Shanley and Mr. Halowitch... LOVED Shanley...Halowitch not so much LOL

Lisa Van Atta

Mr. Redican was my homeroom teacher. Mr. Bohl...up in room 234 right up the stairs from the breezeway, it was scary going up the stairs after having a cigarette between classes and then just make

it on time to his class. He would always stand IN the doorway so you had to go past him and I'd walk past him sso he could check my breath. My prayer was the smell wasn't too obvious

[Bob Boeggeman](#)

Mr. Bohl was tough but fair. Had him for drivers ed too. Used to take us to drive on the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway. Good guy. Ooh yea. As a teacher i had no issues w him. Aced his class. It's just how he stood in the door used to scare me. Lol

[Lisa Van Atta](#)

Ms. Wolf. always found it odd that she didn't know how to pronounce my name being an English teacher I thought she would LOL. There were also about 5 other Lisa's in that class. But I don't remember which ones. Ahhh, Mr Graiser. He said, on the first day of his class, "when I see you in the hall, don't say hello Mr. Graiser, because I have too many students and I don't know who you are yet, so when you see me say, 'hello Lisa,' so I know I'm talking to Lisa" LOL

[Robert Owen](#)

My best teacher ever, for any subject, in all my years of school: Mr. Bohl, for 10th-grade English. I ended up emulating him once I became a teacher.

[Gina Chach](#)

I had LaMarca

[Peggy Maier](#)

Wasn't Halowitch there in '64?

[Tom Drake](#)

Cool. I had Halowitch, Higginson and Palmeri. And think Miss Wolf. Lol

[Geraldine Connelly Denien](#)

Ah Mr. Shanley lived nearby; I would pass him on the street after cutting his class

[Michele Caputo](#)

I had Mr. LaMarca!!

Ms. Edsall & Mr. Kearns great teachers

[Lynne Lombardi](#)

[Kathy Cammarata](#)

I remember Miss Edsall who used to complain to Mrs. Spitzer because her class followed ours and we use to throw orange peels in the garbage, and she didn't like the smell.

[Gerard Humphreys](#)

Joe Umbria! They really wanted us to be in school,

I had Shanley, Halowitch, and Palmeri. All great!

[Theresia Gleixner Anderson](#)

History teacher pics yet?

[Joe DiMora](#)

Mr. Halowitch was the best teacher I had in HHS. I learned how to read Shakespeare in a new way. Deep thoughts on authors. I became a reader because of him.

[Thomas Conboy](#)

Simcha Hellinger Thanks for posting this. I had Mr. Kearns for 10th grade, I think. As I recall, he was a rather easygoing sort. Soooo so boring; Refused to go to his class my senior year. Had two friends that had him. He begged them to tell me just show up & he would pass me. Still wouldn't go. Ended up in summer school @ Division in Levittown that summer

[Kristen Mantel Murphy](#)

Mr. Graiser and Mr. Palmeri were 2 of my favorite teachers! Class of 1991.

[Barbara Sprufera Ruggles](#)

Graiser was awesome!

[Carol Victor Fields](#)

Loved Mr. Halowitch - my "fave" English teacher of all time. Class of '88.

[Clay Pal](#)

Mr. Palmeri was an excellent teacher!

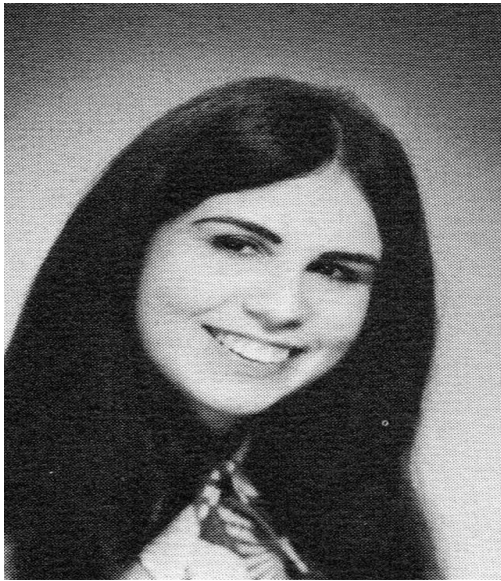
[Megan Lazarte](#)

one of my favorites!!

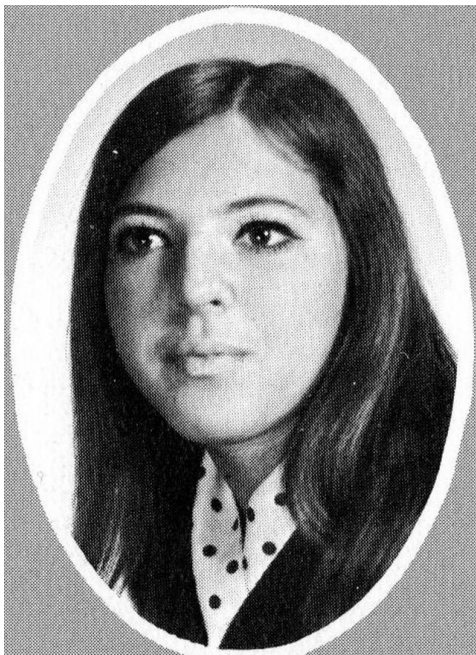
New Readers

Hi...I'm a 1970 graduate of HHS. Please add me to the HixNews master mailing list. My maiden name was Joyce Paternoster.

Thank you.



Joyce Paternoster Gabriele 1970



Karen Caglione Gilmor1971

As someone who grew up in Hicksville in the '50s through the early '70s I'd love to hear what's going on today. Please add me to the HixNews master mailing list. I grew up on 207 Princess Street. My parents lived there from 1951 to the mid '80's. I have many and varied memories tucked away in my aging brain.



Daniel Rafuse 1972

Passages

It has come to my attention that an old friend of mine, Gennaro Gene Cosco, died in 2017. Gene was HHS Class of 1964.

Andy Palley

In Memoriam for the class of 1972, two additional students have died, Edward Smith and Vincent Fortgang.

Mark Schmalengerer

Robert Pigg (my father) passed away in August of last year. His obituary is attached in case it is something that you wish to publish.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Armand

armandrk@yahoo.com

Blount Curry Funeral Home

Robert Winfred Pigg, Jr.



On Thursday, August 6, 2020, Robert Pigg, one in a trillion loving father of three, grandfather of six, and friend to many passed away at the age of 77. Rob was born in South Carolina to Robert and Gladys (Arant) Pigg in 1942.

He received his Engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1964, and had an amazing career, which included helping put a man on the moon with a slide rule and less computing power than is in your phone! He purposefully retired early to enjoy his passions for golfing, his family and world travel. He and his wife Ginger reared three children, Rebecca, Geri and Sam, gifting each of them a sense of adventure, wonder and curiosity about the world and its many cultures, along with the universe we all live in. He had a zest for life, and lived it well, a quick wit, which entertained many and made life interesting. The world is poorer for his unexpected and unfathomable loss.

Rob was the child of a military officer, growing up across multiple continents. After he married, Rob and his family continued traveling the world, exploring many cultures and nations. Later, he and Ginger continued to travel, visiting their adult children (and grandchildren) as they moved around the globe. He often managed to get in some golf during his travels, even playing a round (or two) on the equator at Mt. Kenya and on the rim of the Kilauea volcanic crater! Among Rob's many life adventures, he encountered a pride of lions inside a tented camp in the Maasai Mara, explored the cafés of Amsterdam, kayaked the Straits of Magellan and the rivers of Germany, and felt the spray of Victoria Falls. Closer to home, he loved visiting the coasts of America, the

southwest, and watching the leaves change color in the fall. He was an inspiration to many, and beloved by all who knew him.

Rob was preceded in death by his father, Bob, his mother, Gladys, and his wife, Ginger. He is survived by his three children, Rebecca (husband Fred, children Alec and Avery), Geri (husband Mark, children Brandon and Bryan), Sam (children Colby and Geneva), his beloved companion Geri Santos, his brothers Andy and Tom and host of nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a date and time to be determined in the future.

Donations in Robert's memory should be made to the National MS Society at [this link](#).

Hello Bob...I hope all is well with you. Unfortunately, I have incredibly sad news to report. I still cannot believe it, but we lost my sister



Janet this past January 3rd. It's only now that I am able to talk about it without "breaking down. She was a fantastic person, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and a great sister. She lived a wonderful life but unfortunately, for the past several years, she suffered immeasurably, far more than any human deserved. We pray she is finally resting in peace. I've attached her obituary. She always went by Janet but her

first name was actually Elizabeth as you will see in the obituary. In the "In Memoriam" section, she should probably be listed as E. Janet Luna Marcus.

Take care of yourself Bob,

Helen Luna Carr



1/5/2021, E Janet Luna Marcus Obituary - Marietta, GA7372/6, her beloved sons Larry and Matthew. Janet was born in 1941 in The Bronx, New York. Her family left The Bronx and moved to Levittown, NY and eventually Hicksville, NY, where she attended Hicksville High School. She began her insurance career working for an independent insurance agency, Edgewood Agency in Hicksville. As fate would have it, this is where she met the love of her life, Bob. After Bob attended Emory University, he grew to love Atlanta so much, he and Janet decided to move to Marietta, GA. in 1975. Together they started Phoenix Associates Insurance Agency, which recently celebrated 45 years in business. Janet loved the insurance business and was highly respected in the industry, leaving a legacy that has now been passed on to the second generation. She really enjoyed getting to know her customers and many became life-long friends. She was truly a special person, smart and funny, but definitely a no-nonsense type of woman. She did not mince words and many people, family, and friends alike, sought her guidance and

wisdom on a variety of life's issues. She was an adopted mother to many of her children's friends, who all loved spending time with her. Janet loved to throw a party and was a fantastic cook. Second and third helpings of her baked zit were a must!!! Most of all, Janet was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her family and she would beam with pride when they all gathered together. She and Bob recently celebrated 49 years of marriage and they were devoted to each other. They enjoyed traveling the world together, but especially enjoyed spending time at their second home on Hilton Head Island, walking the beach and visiting their favorite restaurants. Janet will be dearly, dearly missed by her family and friends. A visitation was scheduled for Thursday January 8th at HM Patterson Funeral Home on Old Canton Road in Marietta from 5:00 -8:00 pm. All were welcome to attend and celebrate Janet's life. A funeral mass was be held on Friday January 9th at 11:00 am at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Marietta. Funeral Mass attendance at Catholic Church of St. Ann is limited to registered guests only. All guests will be required to wear face masks at all times and social distancing will be observed. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed. If you are unable to watch the mass live, it will be archived. Please visit www.st-ann.org for more information on this event

From: Jan Goodrich Wulinski & Walt <wulinski2@aol.com>

To: editors@hixnews.com

Sent: Sat, Feb 06, 2021 04:44 PM

My brother Dave Goodrich died in 2016. He was in the class of 1961.

Hope this is a great anniversary and one that you will remember. Please tell your classmates about the most memorable anniversary that you've experienced over the years. It's nice to share and your friends would be delighted to share your happiness about a particular birthday. Warmest regards from all of us at HixNews

<http://hixnews.com>

Please let us know about your best anniversary. I get no feedback from anyone and no stories about life after Hicksville High. Our readership would really enjoy some great stories. Please send an email to

editors@hixnews.com or bufbob@juno.com

People Looking for People

Someone's looking for Michelle Lax. I have this email for her: arielzack@aol.com. I hope she won't mind my sharing it so, if that fellow wants more info (and I do have more), he might want to ask her first. Good luck!

Vietnam Memorial Update



Bill Walden in front of the Memorial on Veterans Day 11/11/19



Bill showing the Memorial after 2019 Veterans Day ceremonies to state, county & local dignitaries that were present. From left to right, with Bill, are NY State Senator Jim Gaughran, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Salandino & Nassau County Legislator

Arnold Drucker. Not pictured is Nassau County Legislator Rose Walker, to whom Bill showed the Memorial later that day.